GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA LPRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Civil Supplies Department - Allegation of Corruption against Sri V.V.K.S. Panthulu, S/o. V.K. Panthulu, Assistant Supply Officer, O/o. the Sub-Collector, Parvathipuram Division, Vizianagaram District – Trapped on 30-01-2014- Prosecution Sanction - Order – Issued.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & CIVIL SUPPLIES (VS) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.12 Dated:25 .10.2016

ORDER:

Whereas Sri V.V.K.S. Panthulu, S/o. V.K. Panthulu, Assistant Supply Officer, O/o. the Sub-Collector, Parvathipuram Division, Vizianagaram District, worked as such from 11.7.2013 to 30.01.2014. By virtue of the post held by him, he falls within the category of public servant as defined under section 2 (C) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. (Central Act, 49) of 1988.

2. And whereas Sri Bade Gowri Sankararao S/o. late Suryanarayana R/o. Sangamvalasa (V), Paravathipuram (M) is leading his life by running a dealer depot at Sangamvalasa village. Sri VVKS Panthulu, Assistant Supply Officer used to come to his depot frequently and used to harass him for money saying that there are faults in his depot. He is running his depot in a proper manner and disbursing the commodities to the beneficiaries as directed by the Government. Sri VVKS Panthulu, ASO came to his depot on 29.1.2014 at 10.00 hours and threatened him that he will book a case. On that, he asked him that when he is running the depot in a proper manner, how he can book a case. On that the ASO Sri VVKS Panthulu told him that he has that power to book a case and demanded Rs. 5000/- and told that if the demanded money is paid, there will be no harassment and no cases. On that, he requested him that he cannot pay that much amount but the ASO Sri VVKS Panthulu bluntly told him that if the demanded money is paid, then only he will not book a case. As he doesn't have other option , he agreed to pay the demanded bribe amount. On that, the ASO Sri VVKS Panthulu told him to bring the demanded bribe amount to the dealer shop of Sri P. Thaviti Raju at Belagam on 30.01.2014 morning. Since he is not willing to pay the bribe amount to Sri V.V.K.S. Panthulu, A.S.O., he presented a report to the DSP, ACB, Vizianagaram for taking necessary action against Sri V.V.K.S. Panthulu, S/o. V.K. Panthulu, Assistant Supply Officer, O/o. the Sub Collector, Parvathipuram Division, Vizianagaram district for demanding bribe.

3. The DSP, ACB, Vizianagaram Range after due verification registered the said report as a case in Cr.No. 01/RCT-ACB/VZM/2014 U/s 7 of PC Act, 1988 of ACB, Vizianagaram Range on 30-01-2014 at 8-00 hours and took up investigated into.

4. And whereas, during the course of trap on 30-01-2014 Sri Bade Gowri Sankara Rao proceeded to the office room of Sri VVKS Panthulu, ASO O/o. Sub Collector, Parvathipuram, Vizianagaram District, met the ASO Sri VVKS Panthulu at his seat. On seeing him, the ASO Sri VVKS Panthulu asked him to come out side along with him and took him out towards the main gate of the Sub Collector's Office and reiterated his demand by asking him whether the bribe amount is brought or not. Then Sri Bade Gowri Sankararao replied in affirmative. On that, the ASO Sri V.V.K.S. Panthulu asked him to handover the bribe amount. Then Sri Bade Gowri Shankararao took out the tainted bribe amount from his shirt pocket and gave it to the ASO Sri V.V.K.S. Panthulu. The ASO Sri V.V.K.S. Panthulu received the amount with his right hand, counted with both hands and kept the amount in the front right side pant pocket. Then the ASO Sri VVKS Panthulu gave assurance that he would not harass him on the pretext of booking false cases.

5. And whereas, both the hand fingers and the inner linings of right side front pant pocket of ASO Sri VVKS Panthulu yielded positive results when subjected to chemical test. On verification of currency notes recovered from Sri V.V.K.S. Panthulu, ASO they were found tallied with the numbers mentioned in pre-trap proceedings. During the course of investigation, the DSP, ACB., seized the tainted currency, pant, the resultant solutions and the connected records in the presence of mediators under the cover of mediators report.

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6. And whereas, the above said acts of Sri V.V.K.S. Panthulu, S/o. V.K. Panthulu, Assistant Supply Officer, O/o. the Sub Collector, Parvathipuram Division, Vizianagaram District, constitute the offences punishable Under Sections 7 & 13 (2) R/w 13 (1) (d) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.(Central Act 49 of 1988).

7. And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh, being the competent authority to remove Sri VVKS Panthulu, S/o. VK Panthulu, Assistant Supply Officer, O/o. the Sub Collector, Parvathipuram Division, Vizianagaram District from Government services and after fully and carefully examining the material i.e. (copies of FIR, Statements of witnesses, pre-trap and post-trap proceedings, Final Report and other records of investigation etc.) placed before them, with regard to the said allegations and having regard to the circumstances of the case, considered that the said Sri VVKS Panthulu, S/o. VK Panthulu, Assistant Supply Officer, O/o. the Sub Collector, Parvathipuram Division, Vizianagaram District should be prosecuted in a Court of Law for the above said offences.

8. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (b) of Sub-Section (1) of Section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988), the Government of Andhra Pradesh is hereby accord sanction for prosecution of Sri V.V.K.S. Panthulu, A.S.O., O/o. the Sub Collector, Parvathipuram Division, Vizianagaram district for the said offences Under Sections 7 & 13 (2) R/w 13 (1) (d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of Law for the time being in force and for taking cognizance of the said offences by the Court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

(B.RAJSEKHAR)
EX-OFFICIO SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To,
The Director General,
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